

TREATY APPROVAL GAINS IN IRELAND

County and Municipal Officials
Pass Resolutions Favoring
Ratification.

LABOR ALONE DISSENTS

Pierce Beasley, Founder of
Volunteers, Converted to
Its Support.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—Resolutions favoring ratification of the peace treaty between Great Britain and Ireland were adopted to-day by the County Councils of Meath and Monaghan and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

Delegates representing forty Sinn Féin clubs in County Monaghan, while maintaining republican principles and Ireland's indefeasible right to absolute independence, passed resolutions in favor of ratification of the treaty under present circumstances, and in the event of rejection of the treaty by the Daily Eireann for its reference to a plebiscite of the Irish people.

Of the important county and municipal bodies there are fifty in Ireland. Ten of them have held special meetings during the Christmas recess of the Dail and passed resolutions favoring the treaty. The opinion is held generally that its endorsement will also be moved at any meeting called during the coming week.

In addition to statutory and administrative bodies, various associations of farmers and horse breeders and trainers are passing resolutions approving the treaty. With very few exceptions labor bodies have thus far dissented from the treaty.

A notable addition to the supporters of the treaty in the Dail Eireann when it resumes its discussions next week will be Pierce Beasley, who was among the original founders of the Irish volunteers, now the republican army, and fought in the Easter rebellion. The new convert declares he is supporting it on its merits "for the opportunity it affords of preserving Gaelic civilization."

BELGIUM VICTOR IN LUXEMBOURG RIVALRY

Secures Political and Commercial Supremacy in Duchy.

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Belgium has won another victory over France in one of the numerous little friendly wars so popular in Europe just now. For months there has been rivalry concerning the commercial and political supremacy in the little Duchy of Luxembourg. Commercial leaders were silently competing as to whether Antwerp or French ports were to get the benefit of the duchy's traffic and also respective right of control over railroads.

Belgium and Luxembourg, however, have signed an economic agreement which excludes French rights, and Belgium can now organize through traffic between Antwerp, Brussels and Luxembourg. The most important victory, however, is in prestige, as in future the Luxembourg Government has agreed to be represented by Belgian diplomats and consuls, thus, as far as foreigners are concerned, becoming a part of Belgium.

CAMELS IN VOLGA FIGHT OFF FAMINE

Lives Spared, but Horses and Dogs Are Killed for Food.

Horses and dogs are killed for food, but the lives of the camels are spared in the famine stricken sections of Russia, according to word brought back yesterday by E. C. Floete of Beverly Hills, Cal., an agent of the American Relief Administration. Camels, he said, are almost the only living things that manage to fight off the famine. They live on in spite of the small sustenance they are able to get, and water seems to sustain them sufficiently.

Freight cars loaded with emaciated children are being moved from the famine regions of the Volga Valley across the Caucasus Mountains into Armenia and other regions of trans-Caucasian Russia, the Near East Relief announced yesterday on receipt of a cable message from Harold C. Jaquith, director in Constantinople. The message stated that the children were in an appalling state.

SHIPPING BOARD STAFF ABROAD AMERICANIZED

Aliens Replaced to Extent of 70 Per Cent.

London, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The European staff of the United States Shipping Board will be composed entirely of Americans at the beginning of the new year as a result of the Americanization inaugurated by Chairman Lusk.

The policy of retrenchment which has been pursued as a companion policy of replacing aliens by Americans has effected a 70 per cent. reduction in the number of employees in the European field.

When reorganization was begun the board maintained staffs in thirty-five Baltic, British, Mediterranean, Scandinavian and Near Eastern ports. Officials of the board here said to-day adequate facilities would be continued in thirty ports, either through the board's own employees or through American operating companies and their agents.

WIRTH'S PEACE MESSAGE SOUNDS A HOPEFUL NOTE

Though New Year Breaks Over Germany With Heavy
Clouds, Chancellor Says, She Welcomes the Work
Begun at Washington to Abolish Causes of War.

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New York Herald Bureau,
Berlin, Dec. 30.

Chancellor Wirth to the following New Year's message to America:

"Facing the year which now ends the German people went through another stage of their onerous journey of suffering marked by colossal burdens which followed the long years of death and wounds. The future which this new year brings does not lie before the eyes in bright and merry colors. Decisions of great weight are in store which will most deeply affect the life of every single German. The new year breaks over Germany with clouds of heavy anxiety. Nevertheless the German people does not lose its faith in destiny and continues sincerely resolved to do to the best of its ability its share in the work of curing a sick world. To the welfare of mankind, the counseling motto 'per aspera ad astra' which now fills the hearts of countless millions of men over the whole globe also will be Germany's motto."

"In this spirit of world solidarity the German people welcomes the great work which the President of the United States and the American people have so bravely and nobly begun at Washington. It wishes full success to the sublime idea of abolition of the causes of war and real reconciliation and friendship among peoples which underlies the conference there and which is also Germany's aim. Let it soon become the truth that 'nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'"

AMERICAN MARINES GET LONG SENTENCE

Ten Years in Prison for Killing
Three Nicaraguan
Policemen.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The American marines who have been on trial before a naval tribunal composed of officers from the United States cruiser Galveston, in connection with a clash here with the Nicaraguan police, have been found guilty of the slaying of three Nicaraguan policemen. The marines have been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor.

The clash with the police took place during a "fiesta day" brawl December 8 at Managua. The men who were held responsible for the slaying of the three policemen and the wounding of four and who were themselves slightly wounded are Sergeant Lee Henry of Louisville, Ky.; Corporal Ray Frey of Carthage, Mo., and Private Arthur Owen of Spokane, Wash.

As soon as the report of the fight was received by the Navy Department the gunboat Galveston, with enough naval officers on board to hold a court martial, was ordered to proceed from Balboa to investigate the situation.

GERMANS TO BUILD CANAL ACROSS EUROPE

Plan Waterway Linking North
Sea and Black Sea.

MUNICH, Germany, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—A corporation with an initial capital of 1,200,000,000 marks has been organized to construct a canal connecting the Rhine, the Main and the Danube, linking the North Sea with the Black Sea, the biggest waterway project ever undertaken in Europe, which will require twenty years for completion.

Part of the canal, work on which will begin on January 1, will be built across a 1,200 foot elevation requiring sixty locks over a stretch of 700 kilometers. Forty power plants, capable of developing 400,000 horse power, are to be erected, designed to furnish 2,500,000,000 kilowatts of power an hour, at an estimated saving of 3,000,000 marks worth of coal every year. The total length of the waterway will be 3,437 kilometers and will be able to accommodate 1,500 ton ships.

Every branch of German industry, as well as the Central, Bavarian, Baden, Hesse and Thuringian governments, are interested in the project. It is understood that sufficient private capital, in addition to governmental funds, has been pledged to insure its success.

RAILWAYMEN THREATEN TO ISOLATE BERLIN

Only Last Moment Agreement
Can Prevent Strike.

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New Year's eve may find Berlin cut off from the rest of the world. While new negotiations are under way between the railway men and Traffic Minister Greener, travel in greater Berlin will cease to-night. Only an agreement at the last moment will save Germany from the enormous cost of a strike.

Fortunately for the New Year's eve revelers, the long strike of taxicab drivers ended to-day. The attitude of the railway men is strongly influenced by the fact that railway officials recently got a considerable raise in wages, while the workmen's extra allowance from the Government has not been proportionate. They also are incensed by the rumor that the Traffic Minister intends to reduce the personnel by 20,000, owing to the demand of German industrialists to put the management of the railways on a sound business footing.

The general opinion here is that the Government is hardly capable of upholding its attitude in the wage dispute. Even if the demands of the railway men are now refused, it seems that a strike will soon force the Government to give in.

\$150,000 FIRE IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Fire in the warehouse of the Plasticon Company, on West Delevan avenue, near the barge canal, to-day caused damage estimated at \$150,000. The stock consisted chiefly of bagged cement ready for shipment.

FOUR BILLION LIRE SCONTO LIABILITIES

Italian Bank Has Year to
Straighten Out Its Financial
Tangles.

ROME, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The total liabilities of the Banca Italiana di Sconto, which closed its doors Thursday and to-day was granted a moratorium of one year in which to endeavor to straighten out its financial tangles, will reach 4,000,000,000 lire.

This fact became known to-day by the publication of the petition of the bank for a moratorium. The petition added that the moratorium would enable the institution to tide over the present financial crisis. The petition attributed the situation of the bank to the general European economic breakdown.

The court appointed Commendatore Tomaso de Angeli of Rome, who is a director of the Banca di Napoli, as referee. Meanwhile the Banca Italiana di Sconto is continuing all operations in Germany, which it is stated will be resumed as soon as the tribunal limits the amounts which may be withdrawn daily.

There was a tone of confidence in financial circles to-day. Some appeared convinced that the present situation in Italy was only temporary. On the other hand the parliamentarians point out that there is so much unemployment in Italy that production is not up to normal and that the mushroom war industries are now finding themselves face to face with the numerous problems which have crippled peace industries. For this reason belief is expressed in these quarters that only new international economic adjustments can give much hope to the general situation.

ITALIAN MORATORIUM NOT GENERAL, SAYS RICCI

Ambassador Asserts Crisis
Affects Only Sconto Bank.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The moratorium declared in Italy "is not a question of a general moratorium of the Italian banks, but simply of a transitory crisis affecting only the Banca Italiana di Sconto," Senator Ricci, the Italian Ambassador, declared to-day. The Ambassador continued:

"The crisis of the Banca Italiana di Sconto is due to causes which do not affect in the least the solidity of other Italian banks, which continue normally their regular operations."

"The Italian Council of Ministers on December 28 issued a decree, in view of the difficult situation of the Banca Italiana di Sconto, calling again into force, with certain modifications and additions, the provisions of the code of commerce regarding the postponement of payments on the part of stock companies, limited."

The Banca Italiana di Sconto, being a stock company, limited, availed itself of the faculty granted by this decree and requested a postponement of its payments."

ITALIAN BANK HERE TO REOPEN TUESDAY

Unofficial Assurances Given
to Anxious Depositors.

Unofficial assurances that the Italian Discount and Trust Company of 399 Broadway, which closed its doors Thursday, would reopen Tuesday and that "everything will be all right" were given yesterday to more than 150 men and women who gathered outside the institution anxiously waiting to learn developments.

George W. Egbert, special deputy superintendent of banks, appointed by George W. McLaughlin, State Superintendent of Banks, worked on the books of the institution with a staff of seven men until early yesterday morning. An official of a banking institution of the city not directly affiliated with the bank which has closed, but acquainted with its officers, said last night that he believed the bank was solvent and that as soon as officials of the State Department of Banking completed their investigation everything would be found safe.

NEW TAX ON WANT ADS.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—A tax on all forms of printed advertising has been decided upon by the municipality. In newspapers the minimum tax will be 10 per cent. for situations wanted up to 30 per cent. for luxury articles and amusements.

PHILADELPHIA DIVORCES GAIN.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Divorces granted here this year totaled 2,391, the highest number ever recorded, but the number of suits begun was only 2,332, the lowest since 1918. The records show more than two-thirds of those seeking divorce were wives.

M'GILL UNIVERSITY HAS ROCKEFELLER GIFT

Receives \$1,000,000 Promised
by Foundation.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—McGill University announced to-day it had received a \$1,000,000 gift promised it some time ago by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The gift to McGill University is part of the \$3,000,000 which has been voted to four Canadian medical schools. According to Dr. C. C. Williamson, in charge of the public information for the Rockefeller Foundation, George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, in his July report wrote: "It is estimated that Canada needs each year 300 new doctors. Existing medical schools are easily able to provide this number. To help in meeting this outstanding need in medical education in Canada, a total of \$3,000,000 has been voted to four schools—Dalhousie University, Halifax; McGill University, Montreal; Toronto University and the University of Manitoba."

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CURE FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Which Proves Success.

CHESTER, England, Dec. 30.—A cure for sleeping sickness has been discovered in Germany, according to Prof. Newstead of the Liverpool University, who related how a man who had spent some years in Africa went to Liverpool University, where he was found to be suffering from sleeping sickness.

The man, along with a young medical student, was sent to Germany and, said the professor, "with more credit to the Germans, he came home within a month completely cured." The Germans, he said, had discovered a new drug which had proved invaluable in the cure of sleeping sickness.

4 SEIZED IN BOGUS DIRECTORY SCHEME

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merous prominent concerns were on the "easy list" of the operators. The larceny indictments grew out of alleged transactions with the Pochontas Fuel Company, from whom, it is charged, \$75 was collected for the "Phillips Directories Company," under which name the defendants are said to have done business in May, 1917, and \$75 for White, Orr & Co., in August, 1919. The collections were supposedly for advertising matter inserted in the "Reference Register." The District Attorney's office contends that the publication did not exist.

As indicating the speed with which the money flowed in, two accounts in the Edgewater Trust Company, New Jersey, were referred to. Those accounts were found to have totaled \$30,000 in deposits collected alone during sixteen months of 1917 and 1918. Incidentally, those accounts were said to be carried in the names of "Benjamin Knapp" and "Alexander Livermore." Mr. Simmons said he was unable to find that any such persons really exist.

The forgery charge was made against Bowen by S. I. Stroock of S. Stroock & Co., 315 Fourth avenue, who said that Bowen collected \$50 from him from a forged advertising contract.

In the District Attorney's office is a list of eleven business directories which are alleged to be fictitious. Some of them are said to have been published once many years ago, since when new covers bearing new dates have been placed on old volumes, very few of which are in circulation.

Mr. Simmons said that the "Reference Register," mentioned in the Pochontas Fuel Company case, has been used only in New York but also in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newark for the fraudulent collection of money.

ALL-INDIA CONGRESS ASKS INDEPENDENCE

Votes Separation From British
Empire, Holding Declaration
in Abeyance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Separation from the British Empire, with a formal declaration of independence held in abeyance, was voted to-day by the All India National Congress, meeting in Ahmedabad, according to a cable dispatch which Salendra N. Ghose, director of the American commission to promote self-government in India, received to-day. Mr. Ghose explained that the vote followed a decision taken Thursday conferring upon Gandhi what were declared to be virtually dictatorial powers in the "campaign for independence."

In a statement explaining conditions in India, as reported by his friends there, Ghose said: "India is in passive revolt, although the declaration of independence, which had been intended to be declared on December 26, has been held in abeyance. The reason for this method of procedure is a determination on the part of the Nationalist leaders to place upon the British authorities the responsibility for warfare."

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—Said Zagloul Pasha, Nationalist leader, and his five followers, who were arrested at Cairo last Friday, sailed from Suez for Ceylon last night. They were expelled from Cairo after refusing to discontinue political activity, and their removal was followed by rioting in Cairo and other cities in which a number of lives were lost.

CHILE WON'T LISTEN TO TACNA PROPOSAL

Willing to Discuss Plebiscite,
but Not Arbitration.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—Whether the negotiations which Chile began with Peru on December 12 looking to means of reaching a solution of the Tacna and Arica dispute would be continued appears to depend upon Peru's attitude toward the Chilean note declining Peru's invitation to arbitrate the differences growing out of the Treaty of Ancon. The note assumes that the recent series of exchanges between the two countries is closed, and replies to Peru's reiterated desire for the arbitration of all questions in issue under the treaty, suggesting that both countries simultaneously invite President Harding to act as the arbiter. The Chileans maintain that acceptance of the Peruvian proposal would imply disavowal of the pact which Chile claims is the basis of the legal relations between the two States.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 30.—"Chile does not accept and never will accept a revision of the Treaty on Ancon," President Alessandri of Chile said today. He added that Chile was ready to arbitrate on the differences of opinion respecting the formalities for applying the plebiscite, provided by Article III of that treaty, but that Peru sought a revision of the treaty itself.

ST. PAUL RETAINS COMMISSION.

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—St. Paul will continue to operate under the commission form of government as the result of the defeat of a proposed new charter at a special election held yesterday.

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This has been a hard season. What with the upsets and delays of moving, and the endless anxieties of a great new building, the management has not been able to recognize as it would have liked to do the efforts of each individual.

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For what has gone by—we are grateful; for the days to come—"Good Luck".

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